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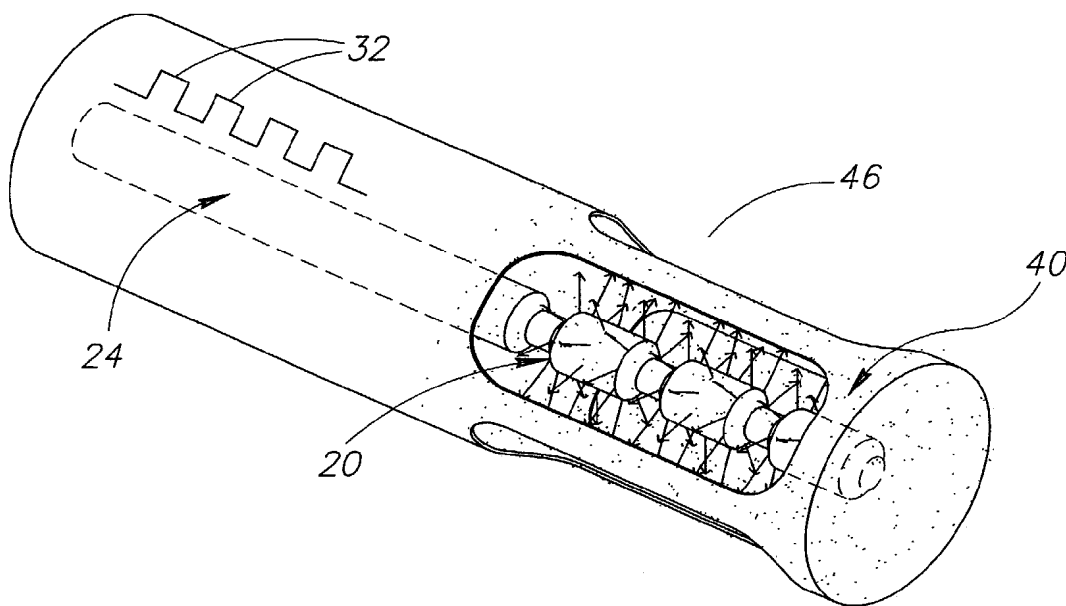
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(57) Abstract: Apparatus for delivering a drug to a target site of a body comprising: a dispersing member adapted to vibrate when acoustically excited; a source of acoustic energy controllable to couple acoustic energy to the dispersing member to excite it to vibrate; and a drug adhered to the dispersing member so that when the acoustic source excites the dispersing member, the drug is dispersed therefrom.



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2. claims: 1,12-35,40,43

Apparatus for delivering a drug with a dispensing member in the form of a coil, a source of acoustic energy and a drug adhered to the dispensing member.

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